

Agency 92 - Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board

Statutory Authority:

The Grain Sorghum Resources Act was created by LB11 which was passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 1981. The duties and functions of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board are outlined in the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, sections 2-4001 to 2-4020. The Board has also filed a set of rules with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board is committed to securing the future of grain sorghum production in Nebraska by increasing its profit potential and enhancing the economic well-being of producers.

We will heighten the awareness and acceptance of grain sorghum around the world through programs of foreign and domestic market development.

Through programs of research we will unlock and develop the unique characteristics of this versatile crop in order to transfer technology from the laboratory to the field.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board is to develop, carry out and participate in programs of research, education, market development, promotion, and legislative issues aimed at enhancing the profit potential and economic well-being of sorghum producers in Nebraska.

The Board's principles are grounded on the commitment to teamwork, quality and excellence in the services and programs delivered to producers, consumers and policy makers.

Goals:

The program developed by the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board can be divided into five general categories:

1. Market Expansion (Foreign and Domestic);
2. Research;
3. Publicity and Producer/Consumer Education;
4. Federal Government Affairs; and
5. Administration

The goals of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board are to:

1. Develop, maintain and increase worldwide demand and market share for U.S. grain sorghum and its by-products.
2. Develop and support a strong research program which contributes to the sustainability of the sorghum industry and the overall profitability of grain sorghum production.
3. Create a public awareness concerning U.S. grain sorghum exports and related industry issues and develop a program of education for producers and ag leaders about the sorghum check-off program.
4. Establish a program to monitor and address issues to federal legislation, trade policy, and administrative rulings that affect the grain sorghum industry.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	133,765	508,263	300,000	204,295	300,000	206,949
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	133,765	508,263	300,000	204,295	300,000	206,949

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Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board carries out the duties and responsibilities of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Resources Act, which was passed by the 1981 Legislature. The Act, which became effective on September 1, 1981, declared it to be in the interest of the public welfare that grain sorghum producers be permitted and encouraged to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development, and federal legislative affairs.

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Performance Measures:

Performance measures are based on programs implemented within the scope of the budget and to their effectiveness in meeting the Board's goals and objectives.

In particular projects are developed that will:

- * Maintain and increase domestic and foreign demand for Nebraska grain sorghum
- * Conduct research projects to improve production and quality of sorghum and develop new value-added uses for sorghum
- * Facilitate producer education on sorghum production and management as well as awareness of the check-off program
- * Monitor and respond to federal legislation, trade policy and administrative rulings affecting grain sorghum
- * Establishes a program of staff development and awareness.